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ABANDONED VEHICLES AIRLIFTED FROM PARK

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle applauded the New York Army National Guard's *GuardHELP* program, an initiative by Governor George Pataki, for providing the County with assistance today when it airlifted four otherwise unreachable vehicles from Monroe County's Black Creek Park in the Town of Chili.

"These vehicles currently pose safety and environmental hazards that would cost a great deal of County tax dollars to eliminate and would be very difficult to remove without the Guard's help" said Doyle. "This win-win arrangement with the National Guard offers the County a free clean-up in the park while the Guard receives a valuable training experience."

"Under Governor Pataki's leadership and the GuardHELP program, the National Guard has provided non-emergency peacetime support to scores of communities throughout New York," said Brig. Gen. William C. Martin, Deputy Adjutant General of New York State. "We'd like to thank Mr. Doyle for providing us with a mission that both served as an excellent training opportunity and a chance to provide a lasting benefit to our friends and neighbors in Monroe County."

This coordination is made possible under the Guard's Civil Military Innovative Readiness Training Program. The Guard provides the necessary equipment and personnel to airlift the abandoned vehicles, using a UH-60-helicopter to deposit the vehicles in the parking area near the new lodge. The junk vehicles were then loaded onto Monroe County trucks and disposed of properly in a scrap yard.

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The location of the abandoned vehicles, which include three cars and a manure spreader, is such that no motorized vehicles can safely reach. One vehicle is believed to date back to the 1900s. To meet the criteria of the Guard's program, this project needed to be a valid training exercise, a task directly related to military scope, and required less than 100 hours of labor.

Black Creek Park is located at 3835 Union Street, North Chili.

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